



Sacred Flames

The Santa Barbara Hindu community and the UCSB Religious Studies Dept. host a Hindu fire ceremony tonight, 6:30 to 7:30 in the courtyard of HSSB to bless the campus.



Feel' It

Celebrated house deejay Charles Feelgood talks with us about spinning tonight at The ZOO. Plus art, CD reviews and "Blow." Don't stay home ...

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Going Out in Style

The UCSB men's volleyball team finished its home schedule Wednesday night with a sweep of USC.

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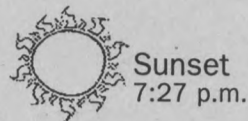
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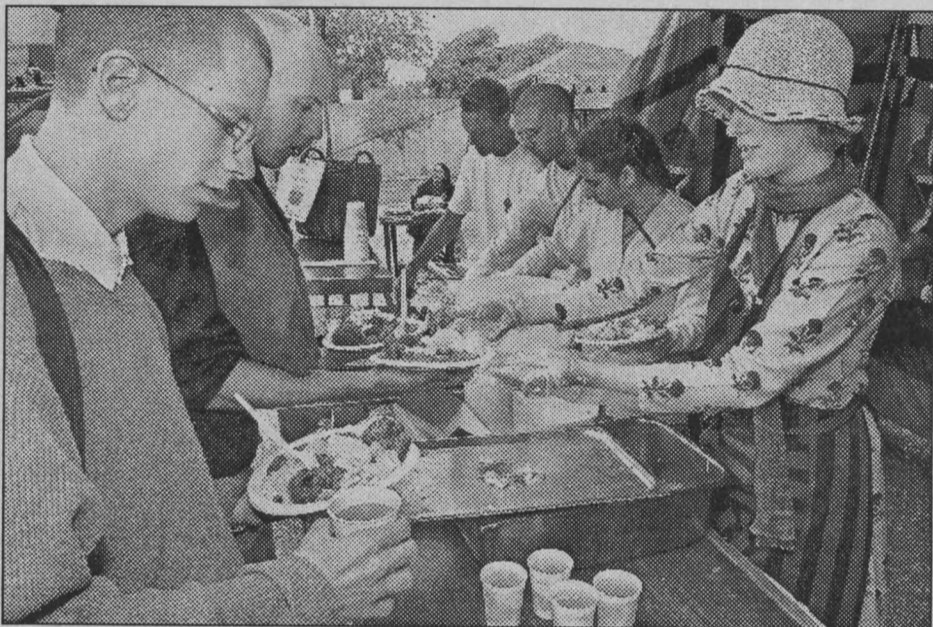


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Food for Thought

Junior Jonathon Edelman and senior Travis Chilcott (L-R) pick up plates of traditional Indian food from Bhakti Yoga club supervisor Divya Nandana. Approximately 300 people attended the Indian Festival illustrating ancient Vedic culture, at noon on Wednesday in Storke Plaza.

Candidates' Debates Try to Establish Positions

■ Presidential Hopefuls Define Different Agendas in First Face-Off

BY MATTHEW BRINK
Reporter

Taking a clue from our national presidential debates, the five candidates for the Associated Students presidency struggled to differentiate themselves from one another Wednesday in the Hub during the first of two scheduled presidential debates.

Junior political science and sociology major William Flores, junior business economics major Brian Hampton, junior political science and English major Martin Markovits, junior law and society major Constantine Pastis and junior law and society major Patrick "Mad Cow" Schanes-Gallagher introduced

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Associated Students Elections 2001

Debate #2: President

Candidates:
William Flores,
Brian Hampton,
Martin Markovits,
Constantine Pastis,
Patrick Schanes-Gallagher

Debate #3: External Vice President

Candidates:
Eneri Rodriguez,
Richard Varghese

■ EVPSA Rivals Present Stances on Student Rights, Campus Diversity

BY ANDY SYWAK
Staff Writer

External vice president for statewide affairs (EVPSA) candidates Eneri Rodriguez and Richard "Circus" Varghese debated Wednesday in the Hub for a crowd of about 30 people.

During the debate, Rodriguez, a Leg Council representative and Program Board member, said she would fight for student fee autonomy, work to alleviate the housing crisis and try to bring more diversity to UCSB and the UC system. Rodriguez, a member of the Student Action Coalition party, said she would promote progressive values if elected.

"I believe education is a

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Marshall Reviews City Proposal Plans

BY ALISON DOUGHERTY
Reporter

With lines yet to be drawn and decisions still to be made, a few Isla Vista residents debated the pros and cons of I.V.'s possible inclusion within Goleta Now!'s proposed city Wednesday night.

Close to 25 people attended an informational meeting 3rd District County Supervisor Gail Marshall held in I.V. Theater to ask questions or comment on the possible inclusion of I.V. in the proposal. Santa Barbara County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will vote within the next month on whether to include Isla Vista within the proposed boundaries of the Goleta Now! cityhood proposal.

Discussion focused on the impact of having more registered voters within the proposed city boundaries, which would result in more money for services such as road maintenance and public works. Marshall said the current census figures show approximately 19,000 registered voters in I.V., which would have a significant impact on the amount of money the proposed city may receive from the state.

County Administrator Jim McClure presented the results of a LAFCO study of the fiscal impacts of includ-

ing I.V. He said including I.V. in the cityhood proposal would have a very positive impact on the financial future of the new city.

"Based on the preliminary numbers of the fiscal analysis, Option A, which does not include I.V., would result in a \$2 million surplus in the road fund over the next 10 years, assuming the same service levels," McClure said. "Option B,

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- Gail Marshall
3rd District county supervisor

which includes I.V., would result in a \$20 million surplus. The I.V./UCSB option brings a lot of state subventions into the equation. The new city is so much more viable with I.V. and the university included."

In a conceptual vote at LAFCO's last meeting, the organization voted not to include I.V. in the bound-

aries of the proposed city. Marshall said if I.V. is not included in the Goleta cityhood boundaries, I.V. will have few administrative options.

"If I.V. does not become part of Goleta, it has very limited options on its own," Marshall said. "The [Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District] could be expanded into a community services district, which would take over public works. But, they would not be able to do land-use planning, which seems to be a big issue here. Leaving I.V. as an island also poses service challenges such as for the police and fire department. It's much more cost effective and efficient if the two communities are combined."

IVRPD member Harley Augustino asked Marshall how I.V. inclusion in the Goleta cityhood proposal could affect the progression of the I.V. Master Plan. Marshall said the new city would have jurisdiction over any land-use proposals within its boundaries.

"If I.V. is included, land-use planning goes to the new city, and that means the master plan," she said. "The new city would make the decisions as to how to spend the money from the I.V. Redevelopment Agency. But you have to understand that the master plan and the

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Leg Council Agrees to Position Papers on Gender Identity, Bikepath, Anti-Oil

Leg Council This Week

BY ANGELA POTTER
Staff Writer

Despite different political affiliations and competition against each other in the upcoming Spring elections, the Associated Students Legislative Council was able to unanimously pass three position papers at last night's meeting.

One of the three resolutions discussed was a position paper supporting the addition of gender identity in the University of California Non-Description Clause.

The clause covers both sex and sexual orientation, but not gender identity. Gender is defined as "those characteristics of men and women that are socially constructed, in contrast to those that are biologically determined." Individuals who may be discriminated against because of

their gender identity include transsexuals, transgendered, transvestites and intersexuals.

Rep-At-Large Elizabeth Van Dyke gave several examples of gender identity discrimination and said it was a real issue for students.

"No one wants to report on this because no one wants to talk about it," she said. "But what if you're a big, burly guy who needs a Pap smear. How do you think the doctor is going to react?"

Leg Council also passed a position paper urging the creation of the "Broida Expressway," a bikepath connecting the Broida bikepath to Engineering I.

Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan said approximately 14,000 bikes travel over UCSB every day, which is the second-highest bike density in the world, behind only Beijing, China. Students

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Top of the News

China Returns Crew After U.S. Apologizes



HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — The crew of a U.S. spy plane was back on American territory Thursday after being held for 12 days in China in a diplomatic showdown that ended after President Bush said the United States was “very sorry” for a Chinese pilot’s death and the U.S. plane’s landing without permission.

Uniformed crew members emerged from the plane one by one, saluting an officer in dress whites and shaking his hand as they reached the bottom of the stairs. They boarded three blue buses and were driven away.

The 21 men and three women boarded a Continental Boeing 737 that took off at about 7:30 a.m. local time from the civilian airport at Haikou, the capital of Hainan island. It quickly disap-

peared into the cloudy sky, bound for the U.S. territory of Guam, then Hawai’i.

After giving crew members their first chance to talk with family members by telephone, a military C-17 was to carry them farther across the Pacific to Hawaii. Because of time changes, they were arriving at dawn of the same day they left China.

The crew will be stay-

with the crew.

“I think it’s important to understand that in the minds of the crew members, their mission is not complete as of yet,” Holmes said. “The plan is to bring them back to Hawai’i so they can commence the debriefing process and complete the mission. We want to reunite the family members as quickly as we can.”

We hope that the U.S. side will adopt a serious attitude toward China’s standpoint on the incident and handle it properly.

— **Jiang Zemin**
Chinese president

ing at Pearl Harbor Naval Base for two days of debriefings before returning to Whidbey Island, Wash., for a homecoming celebration scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. local time.

Rear Adm. Michael Holmes, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Pacific, said the Whidbey Island return will be the best opportunity for families to reunite

In Washington, Pentagon spokesperson Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said a 13-member team of psychologists, physicians, intelligence officers and other specialists was aboard the charter to check on the crew’s health and begin debriefings.

“What we’re looking for is before the details of the collision start to fade ... with time, we want to see if we can capture their

memories ... and get their understanding, in their own perceptions, in their own words, of the details surrounding the accident,” Quigley said.

The crew landed their damaged U.S. Navy EP-3E on Hainan after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet on April 1 over the South China Sea. The Chinese government said it would keep their surveillance plane until it could hold more talks with the United States starting April 18.

The collision shattered the tail fin of the Chinese F-8 fighter, which spiraled out of control, Chinese state media said. The pilot, Wang Wei, was seen bailing out, but is missing and presumed dead.

“The incident has not been fully settled. We hope that the U.S. side will adopt a serious attitude toward China’s standpoint on the incident and handle it properly,” said Chinese President Jiang Zemin, in Uruguay on a 12-day Latin American tour, according to the state-run Xinhua News Agency.

Ashcroft To Allow Telecast of McVeigh Execution



government official said Wednesday.

Survivors and families will be able to watch the telecast in Oklahoma City, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Ashcroft was expected to announce his decision Thursday.

McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed by lethal injection at a federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., on May 16. About 250 survivors and family members relatives told Ashcroft at a meeting Tuesday that they want to be able to see McVeigh die.

There are only eight places available for victims’ witnesses at the penitentiary.

On Tuesday, Ashcroft said, “I’m going to do what I can to accommodate the needs of these families.”

The official said Ashcroft was expected to announce that, after considering the wishes of the families, he had decided that the government should allow the closed-circuit telecast. It will be the first execution carried out by

the U.S. government since 1963.

Justice Dept. officials declined to comment.

Jim Cross, Terre Haute prison executive assistant, said he had not received official word that the telecast had been approved, adding that the prison has begun to make preparations in case the closed-circuit feed is allowed.

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grandsons were killed in the attack, said she would be “elated” with the decision.

“This is something I’ve wanted to watch,” said Coverdale.

McVeigh has said he is not opposed to a closed-circuit telecast and has suggested that his execution should be televised nationally. In a letter to *The Daily Oklahoman*, McVeigh said that, to provide equal access, the government should “hold a true public execution — allow a public broadcast.”

Ashcroft was also expected to address the question of whether McVeigh should be allowed to do television and radio interviews during his final days. NBC News, which first reported Ashcroft’s decision to allow the telecast, said McVeigh would not be permitted to give any further interviews for broadcast on radio or television.

Media outlets are clamoring to get interviews with McVeigh, who faces execution for the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil — the April 19, 1995, bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

Fans Stampede at Overcrowded Soccer Stadium, Killing 43



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Fans stampeded at a soccer stadium on Wednesday night, killing 43 people, including two children and injuring more than 150 others.

The stampede occurred during a game between two popular teams at Ellis Park Stadium. Witnesses said the stadium was vastly overcrowded and erupted

into chaos after the Orlando Pirates scored a goal against the Kaizer Chiefs, a Premier League rival.

“That’s when everything happened,” stadium security guard Louis Shipalana, 42, told *The Associated Press*. “The stadium was full. There was no place to stand. The people were pushing toward the fence [around the field], and the fence collapsed and the people in the back stepped on those in front.”

Emergency officials said some of the victims died at the fence surround-

ing the field and others at a fence at the entrance to the stadium. Bodies lay strewn inside and outside the stadium after the stampede.

The stadium, which seats 62,000, was so full that organizers had to shut the gates with thousands of fans still waiting outside, Robin Petersen, a Premier League official, said at the scene. Those fans shoved through the fence, breaking it in four places, he said.

He said security was insufficient to handle the crowd.

A total of 43 people were killed, 29 inside the

stadium and 14 outside, said Sgt. Amanda Roestoff, a police spokeswoman. Two of the dead were children, she said. Earlier, Sport Minister Ngconde Balfour said between 47 and 50 people died.

“We’re stunned, we’re shocked and we’re sending our condolences to those families,” Balfour said. “Whatever will need to be done we’ll do.”

Security guards reportedly had earlier fired tear gas at people stampeding outside the stadium, according to 702 AM radio.

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Thursday’s forecast: Clear skies, but may lightning strike you down if you violate the cardinal rule.



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Debate #2: President

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themselves and their platforms to approximately 100 people.

Flores, a Legislative Council representative running on the Student Action Coalition ticket, said access and diversity are important issues, especially when it comes to the power of presidential appointments to committees.

"We need to be sure the president appoints a representative group of students from the student body," Flores said. He also recommended increasing the number of gender and sexuality studies programs offered.

Hampton, who is running with the Gauchoholics party, has been president of the Gaucho Locos for the past two years and said UCSB athletics does not receive the attention or funding it should. He suggested better sports promotions and supported the student services activity fee.

"I don't even enjoy campaigning that much," Hampton said. "I just want to get in office and get to work."

Markovits said this year's important issues are the costs of education, housing and safety. He suggested that funding for housing and athletics come from the state, and finances for safety on campus, like blue-light phones, should be solicited from the county by A.S.

"A.S. can do a lot of good things," Markovits said, "but it hasn't been used as it should."

Pastis has been involved with A.S. since 1998 and is currently the vice president of the Gaucho Locos. He said safety is important and recommended improving bikepaths, accommodation for skateboards and restoration of Davidson Library's Reserve Book Room. Pastis is currently working to develop a web site that will help protect students from neglectful landlords.

He suggests that to foster better relations between students and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, mediation is important, but both students and the IVFP need to be present. "When we try to reach out to the foot patrol, sometimes they don't participate," Pastis

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- Patrick Schanes-Gallagher

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currently have to either walk their bikes or risk getting a \$55 fine for illegally riding their bike through the area between Engineering I and Broida.

Different organizations have combined to collect over 1,000 student signatures in support of the bikepath expansion.

McMillan said the break in the bikepath is the only missing link in the campus bikepath system.

"This is important for the future, and it also benefits us," he said. "[The Design Review Committee] can make a choice knowing thousands of students support this."

Another position paper passed last night called for the UC Regents to sever

their ties with PetroChina Oil by supporting Resolution 17.

Resolution 17 would require BP Amoco to divest itself from PetroChina Oil. BP Amoco is the world's third-largest oil company, and UC Regents have close to six million shares of BP stock worth approximately \$300 million.

PetroChina Oil, which is tied to BP Amoco, is an organization that has been accused of questionable behavior in Tibet, on both an environmental and human rights level, including the depletion of natural resources with no benefits to the Tibetan people.

Rep-At-Large Eleri Rodriguez said the recent formation of UCSB Students for a Free Tibet shows that people on cam-

pus are interested in this issue.

"Students on this campus have formed a coalition to fight for this cause both locally and nationally," she said. "The Regents are invested in an organization dedicated to violating human rights."

In other news, Leg Council discussed two separate cases of possible conflicts of interest in regard to the upcoming elections, which are two weeks away.

Off-Campus Rep Vanessa Blau was questioned regarding a possible conflict of interest when she was accused of helping candidates campaign while serving on the A.S. Elections Committee.

Last weekend, A.S. Presidential candidate

Brian Hampton had his campaign kickoff party at Blau's house, and some members felt that this was inconsistent with her position on the Elections Committee.

Blau voluntarily removed herself from the Elections Committee, attempting to avoid the issue, but her resignation had to be approved by Leg Council. When it came to the table last night, some leggies felt it was necessary to discuss the issue before approving her resignation.

Despite resigning from the position, Blau maintained that she did not breach election ethics. "Nowhere does it say that I have to be impartial," she said. "I don't feel that I did anything wrong."

PRESIDENT

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Schanes-Gallagher invests his time with Children Helping Poor and Homeless People, an outreach program he started in 1987. He said political coalitions are divisive and plans to abolish them if elected. "Mad Cow's" experience consists primarily of activism, and, in addition to funding safety and athletics on campus, he pointed out that beach cleanup and homeless feedings are also important.

"You can feed 500 homeless people with a batch of cookies," Schanes-Gallagher said. "I guarantee it. I've done it before."

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"Who do you think I am?"

Student answers to the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Asked by Jesus Christ- Book of Luke Chapter 9



"My Savior, the son of God." Sasha, Junior



"Jesus probably loved children and other people who don't know how to behave. As I hear it, he was nice to people even when they were big pricks." Eric, Junior



"He's a significant man b/c he did great things. He's someone that people should want to be like. He was a humanitarian and cared about people." Karen, Sophomore



"Jesus: Son of God. Savior" Sean, Junior

Faculty answers:

"I believe that Jesus was the physical manifestation of God on earth, the living revelation of the divine mind. Because of this, Jesus became a link between God and Humanity. He opened the door for all human persons to have a fully intimate relationship with God. It is the lived experience of this relationship, as much as the historical evidence, which convinces me that Jesus is who he claimed to be." Kate Bruhn, Assistant Professor

I believe Jesus, as God made man, was a figure in history. He was a Jewish prophet, teacher, philosopher, miracle-worker, social reformer, sage and Messiah. His birth, death and resurrection attracted, at the time, minimal attention compared with the worldwide impact His life has had since. He is, thereby, an historical figure with whom man is forced to deal with, both intellectually and personally. Professor John C. Bruch, Jr.

Ever since Jesus died and rose again, people have bequeathed him a striking variety of monikers: Prince of Peace, Son of Man, Savior of the World, great teacher, marginal revolutionary. Many of his titles describe well who I think he was and is. Son of God, redeemer of sinners, second person of the Trinity - certainly he is all of these things to me. The image of Jesus that inspires me most, though, is one that St. Paul suggests in his letter to the Ephesians: Great Reconciler. Jesus is the one who "breaks down walls of hostility" between warring nations, clashing ethnicities, separated races, the rich and the poor, the old and the young, the born and the unborn, oppressors and oppressed, estranged brothers and sisters, and bitterly opposed enemies. In himself, through his death on the cross, he "creates one man out of the two, thus making peace . . . and putting to death [our] hostility." What a promising vision for our nation and our university, with all of its diverse peoples! Even better, Jesus is the Reconciler of me. As St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians: "God made Him who knew no sin to become sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Dan Philpott, Assistant Professor

Jesus, You are God in the flesh, the king who took the form of a servant, sent to show us your Father, to remove the barrier separating us from Him, to demonstrate the depth of love and care He has for each of us. Steve Mclean, Professor

Peter answered, "[You are] the Messiah, the Christ of God!" Book of Luke Chapter 9
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I feel that my lack of being conditioned by what has been going on is my strength.

- Richard Varghese



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I believe education is a right and not a privilege.

- Eleri Rodriguez

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right and not a privilege," Rodriguez said in her opening statement, before she outlined her experience in both A.S. and other campus groups.

In contrast, Varghese, a member of the People of Action party, called his lack of A.S. experience a benefit.

"I feel that my lack of being conditioned by what has been going on is my strength," he said. "I am not here to add something to my résumé. I am here to bolster student rights, to stand up for the community."

Varghese described stu-

dents' apathy towards A.S. as one of the chief problems he would address if elected.

"I think it is important that [Associated Students] control the Regents and not vice versa," he said. "I think A.S. should be responsible to the students. I want people to be involved. I want A.S. to be just what it means, an association of students."

Rodriguez said the EVPSA should be very active in fighting for student causes.

"We cannot sit here and let the Regents tell us where and how to spend our money," she said. "You

are able to go to Regent meetings and tell them what is going down."

Additionally, Rodriguez proposed an expansion in federal financial aid and Pell Grants to students.

Both candidates supported repealing SP-1, the UC Regent policy ending Affirmative Action. Rodriguez described the repeal of SP-1 as "incredibly crucial to increasing the diversity of students on campus."

She asserted her belief that the ethnic makeup of the UC system should try to mirror the ethnic makeup of the state.

Debate #3: External Vice President

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Black Box

Hello, Jesus My Old Friend ...

And the People Bowed and Prayed to the Neon Shirts They'd Made

BRENDAN BUHLER

"Who do you think I am?"

Do the signs around campus and the advertisements in this paper really want me to answer?

I think anyone who is convinced they have found the One and Only Truth, and declares it, is creepy and possibly schizophrenic.

But I'm not supposed to think about the group organizing this campaign. The Campus Crusade for Christ, in a quest for converts, wants to know what I think about Jesus.

Mostly, I don't. I think he's probably dead and decomposed and any extraordinary claim to the contrary requires extraordinary evidence. I don't think he should have been crucified, but that's because I think no one should be nailed to a piece of wood.

God? I don't think there's any evidence so I try not to believe anything. If the Sky Father's around, He seems to like His privacy.

However, I don't care what anyone else thinks about Him so long as it doesn't involve war, burnings at the stake, dead doctors or someone preaching to me.

I do not want to hear the good news. First off, a widely known bronze-age book is not news. Second, the idea of a "crusade" makes several personal portions of my anatomy retract and pucker.

Perhaps you've heard of the Crusades. The Crusades were a medieval quest to bring the glory of God back to the holiest of cities, establish His kingdom on Earth and to display His infinite mercy by hacking, slashing, robbing, raping and generally kicking the shit out of the people who believed in a slightly different God. While the Christian soldiers

were up, they massacred some Jews in Europe and took the raping/pillaging thing on tour to a few cities in Italy.

The Campus Crusade for Christ doesn't quite have the same flair. To date, no long

founded the Campus Crusade for Christ 40 years ago. His mission is simple: convert as many students as possible into an army of the faithful, spread the Good News, and smile smugly at the unbelievers because they're going to boil in a lake of offal and sulfur.

Bright is not a Luddite. Computers are another way of spreading the word and modern advertising is fine in His eye.

When the Bible talks about the Lord working in mysterious ways, it wasn't ruling out an advertising campaign that hawks Jesus like Burma Shave.

"It is our prayerful objective to help take the gospel to over six billion by the year 2000," Bright writes online, "with at least one billion receiving Christ and one million churches being planted."

Why?

Once everyone has heard the word, it will be time for the final judgement. Bright is pretty sure that once the Great Commission is fulfilled, he'll be sitting on a cloud, surrounded by clean-cut virgins and chuckling at *Scientific American* subscribers.

Campus Crusade for Christ members, according to their online literature, believe everyone needs to believe. The Bible is the beginning and the end of truth; it is "infallible and completely inspired." Disagreement is not encouraged and the line for hell forms to the right of the Pope, Darwin and columnists. Those people are the enemy in "spiritual warfare."

When the Campus Crusade at Berkeley held its

"Do you agree with ..." week, some people did not want to be saved and thought the suggestion was rude.

"Spiritual Warfare was rampant during the week, which was encouraging to us as it was confirmation that the outreach had eternal significance," the

Berkeley group wrote. "By Thursday, we could feel the difference between the feeling of oppression at our table on our main plaza and the feeling of freedom inside the Christian house just off campus where we met to pray. ... It is important to remember that there will be all types of responses from people and Satan will do his best to keep the outreach from being effective."

Yeah, Satan has a real thing about outreach.

And God, at least their God, has a thing about science.

Science tries to find things out. It asks tough questions and doesn't take anything on faith. As far as science is concerned, only something testable is truth. When it comes to the God hypothesis, science doesn't think there's any evidence one way or the other and the burden of proof falls on the believers.

Those who think they have the Truth resent this a bit. "What, this old book isn't enough? But it says it's right!"

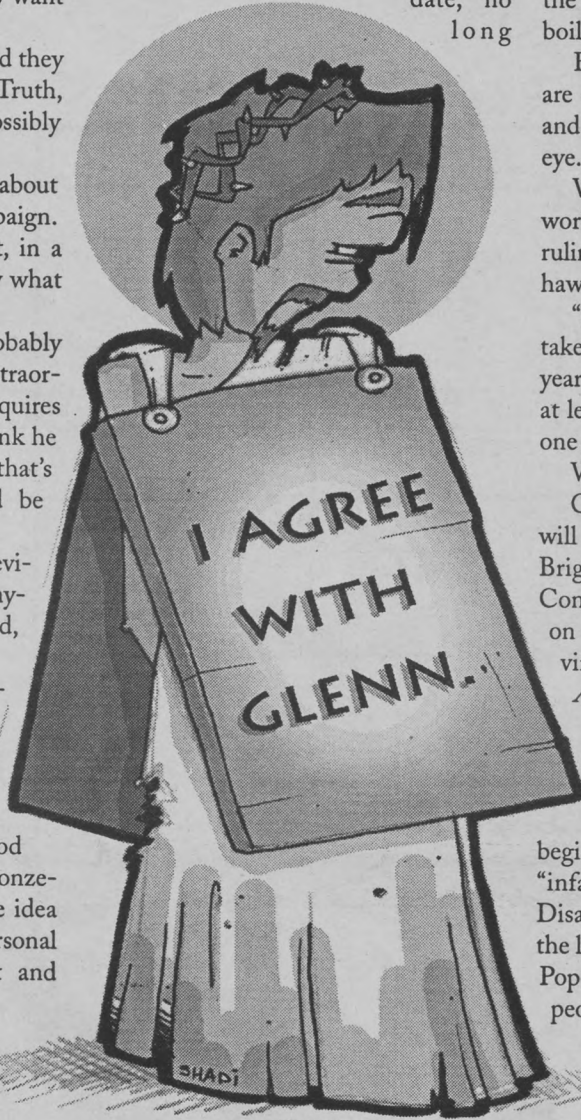
Occasionally, the believers try to produce something for science to examine. Faith healing, for instance. Scientists insist on having control over the experiment and, after analyzing the data in their unholy science caves, say faith healing works as well as a sugar pill or somebody else's God.

Scientists are goddamn well not going to be chuckling with the virgins.

Neither is the *Daily Nexus*' campus editor, Eric. Eric has one of those Darwin versions of the Christian fish symbol on his car. Actually, he has several of the Darwin fish. Christians, hoping to save Eric and his vehicle from eternal damnation and engine rattle, keep ripping the fish off of his truck. And Eric keeps putting them back on.

I agree with Eric.

Brendan Buhler was very disappointed to find out his gin is not considered holy juniper water. Up until the Rapture, "Black Box" will appear every Thursday. Praise be.



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swords. But it did bring us the "Do you agree with Glenn?" campaign, which was quite enough. This year, Jesus' teaser campaign is "Who do you think I am?"

Bill Bright, an evangelical preacher,

The Reader's Voice



A.S. DENIES FUNDING FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT LGBT CONFERENCE

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

On Monday, April 9, Associated Students Finance Board rejected funding for six students to attend a conference at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies. The conference is specifically designed to help students and administration implement a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) division of studies. This is extremely important because in the 1998-99 school year students organized a walkout and made several demands on UCSB — one of which was the addition of a LGBT division of studies. However, since then there has been little progress. There is no LGBT minor yet offered at UCSB.

The students that Finance Board denied were students that have and will continue working toward the creation of a LGBT minor. Though there is a website that addresses and offers information for those interested in the minor, Finance Board doesn't feel that this has been open to many students.

We are writing this letter to open up the discussion and ask people to question the procedures of both Finance Board and the process of getting a LGBT minor on campus.

In regard to this issue, it is clear that a LGBT minor does and will affect the entire UCSB campus for years to come. People from the LGBT community have historically been denied a voice. The lack of knowledge about their history and experience on this campus is one example of that. A LGBT minor would obviously address this, and pos-

itively influence the entire campus.

It is essential that the people who understand and are committed to this issue be allowed to move the LGBT minor forward. However, Finance Board believes that it's more important to publicize an event and risk the failure of the LGBT minor instead of ensuring its success. We are not trying to prevent people from getting involved in this issue; it affects all of us. In fact, we want to take this time to encourage more students to get involved and talk to Finance Board, Queer Commission and the administration.

Whether you're for this progress in education, against it or simply want more information feel free to e-mail us at <ucsb_queer@yahoo.com>.

STEPHANIE LEROUX
CAROLINA MEDINA

NEXUS DISPLAYS FLAGRANT BIAS BY ADVOCATING SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

Hmmm ... I wonder where the *Nexus* is going to lend its support in this year's A.S. elections? Actually, with this paper it's never too hard to figure out questions like this. It's quite obvious to the readers that the *Nexus* is already flagrantly biased in the upcoming election as, according to Monday's Staff Editorial (*Daily Nexus*, "How to Choose?" April 9), the only political party running this year that is worth voting for is the Student Action Coalition. What was the reason the staff gave for mak-



ing such a bold statement? Well, according to an established agenda. Yet, from what I mentioned a platform is the Gauchoho program on why they should be in office. They do not have a platform and they are not running for anything if they are elected. But I guess that this school is stuck with, right? T

The Low Down

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Low Double Standard in Federal Drug Policy Condemns Thousands

DAVID DOWNS

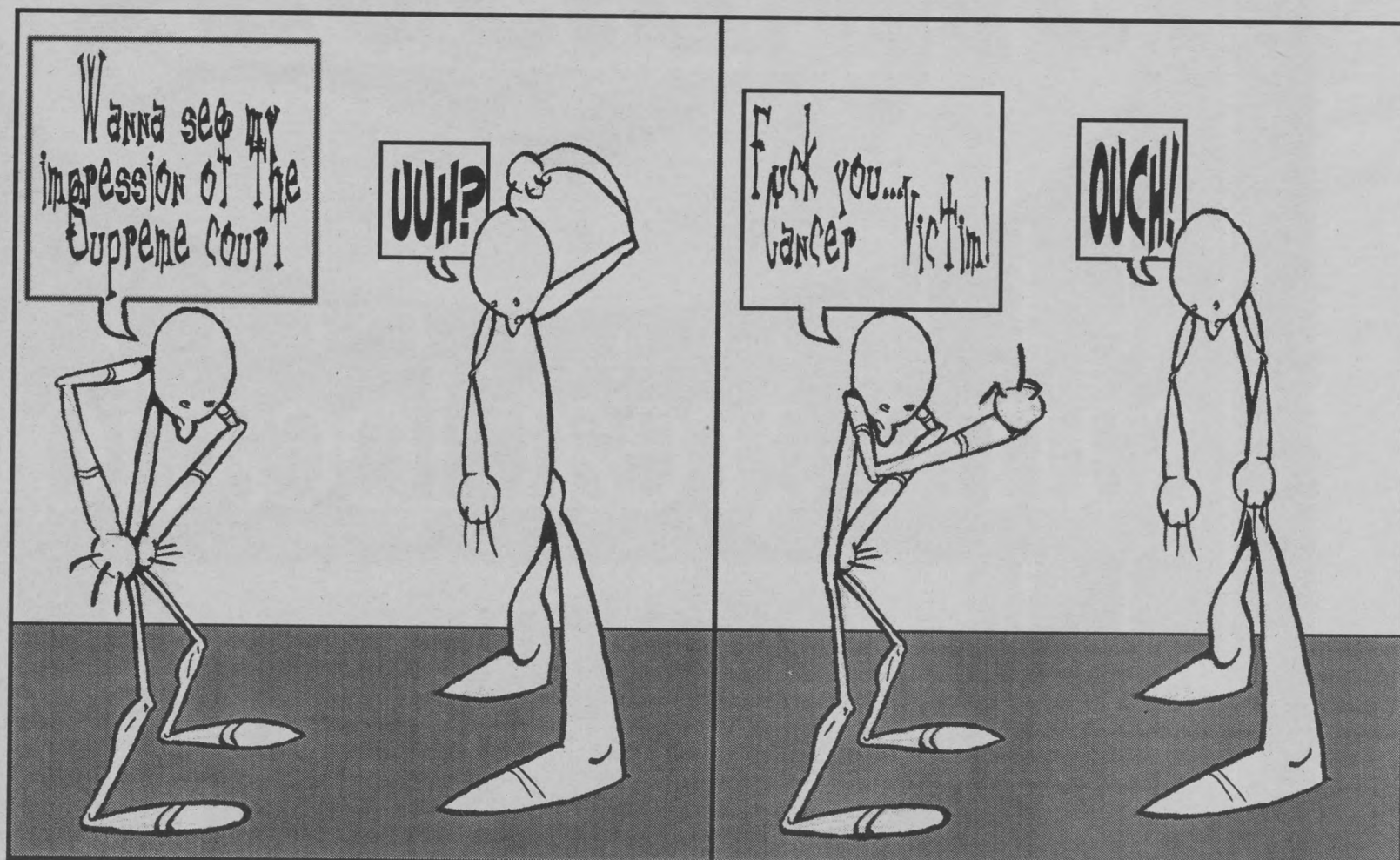
Officials on Wednesday announced the seizure of what they called the largest single load of marijuana ever found at a U.S.-Mexico border — 15,185 pounds of the drug hidden in a truckload of new television sets. — 3.15.01; Deep in the guts of the *Los Angeles Times*, Section

Young José Olivás of Tijuana — 22 years old — was caught with more than seven tons of marijuana. I've heard harrowing tales of getting caught with just one joint going across the Mexican border — often involving cars, interrogation and intimate body-searches. God only knows how far they go when they find seven tons of ganja in a truck. Roto-rooter, indeed.

He will be in good company during those economic prison nights, though. Over a multiple rot in America's jails courtesy of mass drug laws, and more poo is in the streets. Some senators would like to see Olivás in a chair; meanwhile the Supreme Court is busy sending AIDS and cancer patients to jail.

What's at stake this week in *The Supreme Court* is *The Sick, the Nauseous and the Terminally Ill*, is nothing less than the right of 100 million Americans to decide what they can and cannot do in their dying bodies. Many states have laws similar to California's and it will be interesting to witness the spectacle of six justices telling millions of rational adults "No pot!" All my spidey senses say the fix is in, but finally ill of Berkeley don't stand a

Drug Enforcement Administration claims medical marijuana is a thinly veiled ruse by stoners (260 million baked) to get around the DEA. The DEA also says medical marijuana is a contempt for current federal drug laws. "Blah blah." For the most part, they're not. Pot was made legal for medicinal purposes for people I know would feign migraines. Tylenol-Aid hooked them up with three



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ounces a month.

The DEA claims they have the nation's interests at heart, but even the most baked high-school dropout will tell you it's about the money. José Olivás' seven-ton delivery was worth a cool 214 million — counting stems and packaging — and that's just dirty Mec. The Sativa heading south from Canada or Humbolt fetches ten times that price.

The dollar logic goes like this: Medical pot means cheap pot; cheap pot means fewer people buying alcohol and eating pharmaceuticals. Neither multibillion-dollar industry will allow that, ever. You get the sense of how complete the fix is when you reflect that George Bush Sr. — ex-pill executive himself — put three loyal justices on the Supreme Court, while pioneering

legislation that made the FDA's review of new drugs much shorter.

Eight years later, 10 drugs approved due to Bush Sr.'s fast-track laws have been recalled after killing and injuring thousands of Americans. Incidentally, José would've had to smoke all seven tons of his pot in less than one hour for him to overdose on THC.

As I round third base on this column, I'm possessed with the notion that I'm preaching to the choir on this issue: a lazy, rich, apolitical choir. Most marijuana users love to lament about the injustice and barbarism of the American Inquisition, but how many get off their doughy asses and write so little as a letter to their congressman or an e-mail to the Supreme Court? Something so simple as an articulate letter

seems silly and futile in the face of such deep-rooted corruption — like filling the Grand Canyon one stone at a time. And yet, it's the most basic step to reclaiming a scrap of one's right to life, freedom and property — all of which the DEA can currently revoke.

Bill Clinton inhaled and then went on to lock up more pot-smokers than Nixon. That brutal double standard exemplifies his entire generation's "do as I say, not as I do, or jail" attitude toward pot. Our parents' inaction has led to today's Inquisition and we must, as a voting bloc, age with more compassion.

Junior David Downs takes his soapbox to all his classes and is little more than a word whore. His rants appear every Wednesday when the Opinion editors don't have their heads up their asses.



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...ll, according to them, this is the only party that, from what I recall, the only party to have such a high profile, with their established 12-step process in office. The other parties, unfortunately, and therefore cannot be held accountable. But I guess this is the continuing pattern of things. They elect the same type of people

over and over again, year after year — people who tend to not bring up real student issues but instead try to fix the wages of city workers, lend support for a boycott in a different county and end military practices in a different country, or even, as the *Nexus* so cleverly put it in the April Fools' issue on April 2, end world hunger. The *Nexus* always has time to make Associated Students look bad and maybe it's because they're just reporting the facts. Maybe that's why they'll obviously be supporting social justice parties this year, just like every other year ... so that they can be guaranteed some good anti-A.S. headlines every week.

JOSHUA BAKER

GUEST SPEAKER IS EVEN-HANDED IN ANALYSIS OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

The UCSB Center for Middle East Studies is to be praised for bringing Dr. Hanan Ashrawi to campus, an articulate and passionate advocate of the Palestinian cause. Her speech on Sunday not only detailed the grievances of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation but was even-handed in its criticism of mismanagement and corruption on the part of the Palestinian authority. UCSB students should also be commended for the warm greeting they gave Dr. Ashrawi, despite the divisive nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The only dark spot was the inflammatory claim by a member of the audience that Palestinians are "baby killers." This was in reference to a 10-month-old baby that was killed by sniper fire in the Jewish enclave in

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the heart of the Palestinian city of Hebron. While this is certainly a tragic event that should sadden us all, there is a troubling amount of racism inherent in such epithets that seem to place Israeli suffering ahead of the regular suffering of the Palestinians who live under their rule.

If infants and young children injured or killed in the line of crossfire are to be used to label an entire people as inhuman barbarians, then let us look at the entire picture. Ten-month-old Shalhevet Pas, the above-mentioned infant, was the third Israeli child under the age of 16 killed since the outbreak of violence last September. Yet there seems to be relatively little moral outrage about the death of Ahmed Al-Assar, a 15-year-old who was shot in the chest while walking to school this past week. He was not the third innocent young Palestinian to die in the current round of violence — he was the 72nd.

Israeli occupation apologists claim that there is such a high level of Palestinian casualties because Yasser Arafat's government has been paying Palestinian mothers and fathers to send their children into harm's way. Such a racist cynicism has a dehumanizing effect and is yet another way to blame the victims for their predicament.


The point is not to portray Israelis as baby or child killers either, but to point out that the death of ANY child, let alone innocent people in general, is part of the collective tragedy of a misguided occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Such a tragedy will not be resolved by finger-pointing or racist epithets, and, thankfully, Dr. Ashrawi represents the moderate tone of discourse that will ultimately be the key to ending the bloodshed in Israel and especially in the occupied territories.

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Redevelopment Agency are two entirely different entities. I don't think I.V. inclusion would have much impact on the progression of the master plan."

The meeting was held to inform I.V. residents of the ongoing discussions about I.V. inclusion, Marshall said. "I thought the Isla Vista community needed an update on the Goleta Now! proposal for cityhood, both with and without I.V. included."

IVRPD director Pegeen Soutar said she was disappointed in the turnout, but thought all

interested parties were represented.

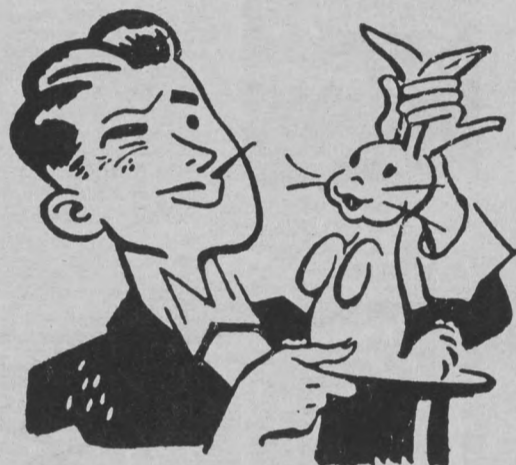
"I thought the people here tonight were fairly representative of the I.V. population," Soutar said. "There were students, a few property owners, a Latino family and others. I think the poor turnout was because there were so many other meetings for different things tonight, like the Leg Council. But the students really are interested in this issue, because it affects everyone who lives here. It's really important to get people to understand what's going on here, because the chances of Goleta annexing us at a later time are

slim."

Marshall urged people to attend the final LAFCO meetings on this issue April 26 and May 3 because the boundaries for the proposed city have yet to be finalized.

"We have a meeting on April 26 at 5 p.m. at the county building that will be really important for people here to attend and voice their opinions," she said. "That's when we'll be considering the inclusion of I.V. and the final boundaries of the Goleta Now! proposal. I expect a final decision to be made at our next meeting on May 3. So this is all happening really soon."

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Today's Birthday (April 12). You may have thought you knew everything, but by now you should know that you don't. This year, make it your great quest to learn more. Pick a topic you're passionate about in April. Obtain a student loan in May. Take care of errands nearby in June, and take care of the folks back home in July. You may be bogged in fog in September, but stay the course. By December you'll have a great breakthrough, and it's all blue skies after that. By February, you'll barely recognize yourself.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - The world continues to be your oyster - for another day, anyway. If you ruled, what would you do? Better do it fast, because for you, the time for talking is over. Just do it!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 4 - You may be feeling a little low, but that's OK. If you can spend the day going over the numbers, it'll be time well spent. Turn off the phone to cut down on distractions and minimize headaches.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You could be the one with good judgment, objectivity and common sense. The others could get too hot under the collar. Offer your skills as an arbitrator, or your skills as a referee may be needed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - The pace is quick, but with any luck at all, you can get the job done by tomorrow - or maybe even sooner. Plan to put most of the money you're making into savings, or use it to pay off a debt. It'll buy you more than that way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Two days in a row? You are hot! Only Leos are this lucky. Nobody's had a 10 for months. Everything is lined up in your favor right now, so don't just sit there. Start something!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Your frustration may be alleviated somewhat by getting rid of the clutter. You have stuff around that you haven't used in years. Don't throw away something that belongs to a loved one, though.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - They say that opposites attract. What do you think? Somebody who's been driving you nuts may be hard to shake. You want to get in the last word, but that's never going to happen. Did you ever think that if you lose, you might win? It's all just a game, anyway.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 4 - The more you can produce, the better you'll do financially. Where are those energy reserves when you really need them? Luckily, you're a long-distance runner. Just keep going, even if it's a struggle. You'll pass the others through sheer determination.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Your idea of a good time often involves getting away and exploring new horizons. But now, you may be more interested in staying close to home. It looks as if somebody there has your full attention.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - The information continues to pour in, and some of it is quite valuable. Sorting the wheat from the chaff is a challenge, but you're up for it. Meanwhile, don't jump to conclusions. Get the whole story before you take action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Somebody's liable to lead you into uncharted territory. You're usually the one who needs a map. This time you may be drawing it as you go along. And why not? Cartography is one of your natural talents.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - Looks like fortune is smiling on you. There's work to be done, but you don't know where to start. Just take it slow and easy. You don't get extra points for going faster - although it won't be long before you do.

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Sports

Gauchos Bring Out the Brooms

BY BRITTANY LANGAN
Staff Writer

Some teams dwindle at the end of the season, while others, like the UCSB men's volleyball team, go out with a bang.

The Gauchos played their final home match of the season Wednesday night in the Thunderdome and showed over 600 fans the glory of the game as they cleaned up #6 USC in an intense 30-27, 30-27, 36-34 victory.

"I'm speechless," sophomore outside hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra said. "We were playing for pride and not for the playoffs — we had nothing to lose. The way we played tonight shows that we can play up to any team's level."

Earlier this season Santa Barbara (12-11 overall, 5-11 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) butted heads with the Trojans (13-8, 10-7) and lost in a fierce five-set match, but the tables were turned last night. UCSB fought tooth and nail, squeezing past USC in its first two games, before winning the epic third game.

There were no blue faces in the stands at the Events Center

after the first two games, but some people might have forgotten to breathe at the end of the third. The first half of the game was a back-and-forth battle, but with the Gauchos down 27-25, the momentum began to shift



Wes Badorek

toward Santa Barbara. Sophomore outside hitter Keith Busam and freshman middle blocker Justin Adams raised the level of their play, keeping the game close in the process.

With the Trojans leading 29-28, USC's junior outside hitter Brook Billings had a chance to play the victor, but the 2000 All-American cracked under pressure and committed a service error for the game point, the third such error for USC.

Zegarra must have gotten

sick of the tension, because he finished what USC had started. Zegarra's kill gave UCSB a 35-34 lead, which he quickly followed with a service ace, as the Gauchos took the game and the match.

"Our team had a lot of spirit, energy and chemistry out there on the floor tonight," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said.

The win was made even sweeter for senior middle blocker Wes Badorek and senior libero Shane Johnston, who were playing in their final home match as Gauchos.

"It was a great way to go out," Badorek said. "We played on a whole different level. I want to thank the fans — they were awesome out there tonight."

Badorek was among a group of players that saw a great deal of playing time throughout the evening. The Gauchos used a different rotation against the Trojans, and the players responded to the change, showing the talent that Santa Barbara will have next season.

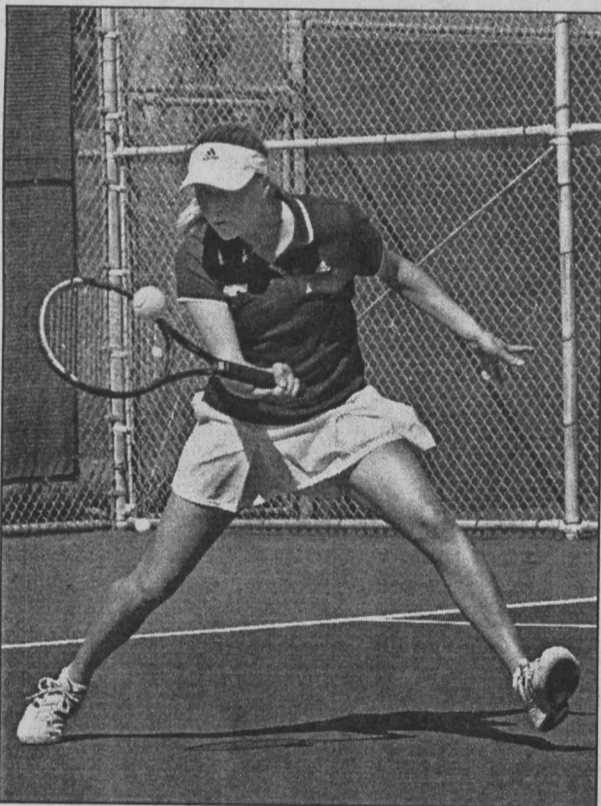
"There have been two teams playing together in the gym all year," Preston said. "The team



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Sophomore middle blocker Justin Adams and sophomore outside hitter Keith Busam elevate for a block Wednesday night versus Southern Cal.

out there on the floor tonight was hungry for some playing time and they played a solid match. After tonight everything is wide open. This gives us a lot more to look at for next year."



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Junior Cindy Ammann hits a drop shot Wednesday against Fullerton. The UCSB women's tennis team won easily, 6-1.

Santa Barbara Rolls to Easy Win Over Fullerton

BY CLANCY ROBERTS
Reporter

The UCSB women's tennis team sliced and diced its way to a Big West victory over visiting Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday.

Santa Barbara was almost flawless in its 6-1 win against the Titans. The Gauchos took charge right from the beginning with three-straight doubles wins to obtain the doubles match point. A significant double win came from the team of senior Shannon Wilkins and junior Cindy Ammann, who won 8-5.

"[In our doubles match], we started off slowly at first," Wilkins said. "We were down 2-5 before we came back to take the game."

UCSB's confidence level was high going into their matchup against Fullerton, as the Gauchos knew that the Titans had found victories hard to come by this season.

"We knew they were struggling

this season," senior Gaby Andrade said. "In this match we all went out to really work on our individual games in preparation for our later matches and [the Big West Tournament]."

Despite the initial slow start by the Wilkins/Ammann duo, the rest of the Gauchos came out on fire. Wilkins and junior Shiho Fukushima each notched 6-0, 6-0 victories, while no other Titan was able to mount a serious threat in three out of the four remaining singles matches. Sophomore Uzma Khan battled her way through three windy sets, but lost the third in a heartbreaking 7-6 decision.

"We knew we had to come out and get things done in this match," Ammann said. "After losing the close match to Irvine this weekend, this match was very good for our team confidence."

This victory was essential for the Gauchos to secure a good seed in the conference tournament that will be played in Ojai on April 25-28.

"We needed to win this match so we could get a higher seed at the Big West tournament," Wilkins said. "Now our team is concentrating on hopefully peaking at Ojai."

Before UCSB goes off to Ojai it has several more items of business to take care of, including two final home matches, along with a rescheduled match at LMU.

The Gauchos next take the court at home on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in a non-conference matchup against San Jose State, before traveling down to Los Angeles to play LMU on April 19. Santa Barbara then returns home to meet conference rival Cal Poly on Saturday April 21 in its last game before the Big West Tournament.

"Even though we are playing Cal Poly too late in conference play to even count for conference, it is still a huge game for us because of the rivalry," Andrade said. "It's the last game I will ever play here, and if it was the only match I won in my college career I would be happy."

UCSB Throws Away Victory

BY MATT HEITNER
Staff Writer

Losing always hurts, but as the UCSB men's baseball team found out Tuesday against USC, sometimes the manner in which the setback occurs makes it all the more painful.

Leading 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, errors from senior second baseman Chad Peshke, freshman starting pitcher Matt Vasquez and senior shortstop Jeff Bannon proved too much for the Gauchos to overcome. Capitalizing on Santa Barbara's blunders, USC scored four unearned runs during the inning to down UCSB, 6-4. The setback was the Gauchos' second loss to Southern Cal this season, and ended Santa Barbara's six-game winning streak.

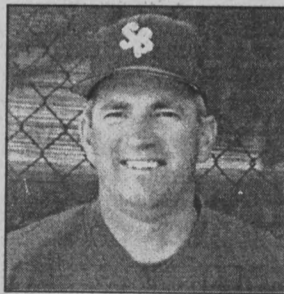
"You never like to lose, there is no good way to lose,"

UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "It was disappointing to let it slip away the way we did. But those things happen, and the good teams rebound from them."

USC got on the board first, scoring two first-inning runs off of Vasquez, one coming on a solo home run from Brian Barra. But Santa Barbara responded quickly, tying the game with two runs of its own in the top of the second. The Gauchos then added a run in the third and fifth innings to take a 4-2 lead.

With the way Vasquez was pitching, it appeared that four runs would be all that UCSB would need. After his early jitters, the freshman turned in another fine performance, throwing 6.2 innings and striking out six.

"I was throwing a fastball, change-up and a slider,"



Bob Brontsema

Vasquez said. "I was throwing three pitches for strikes this time. I tried to hit my spots and make them hit groundballs."

Before battling USC, the Gauchos had been leading the nation in batting average, and were in the top 10 nationally in runs scored per game. But none of that mattered to the Trojans' pitching staff, including Brian Bannister who pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless ball to pick up the win.

Santa Barbara will now head into its conference schedule, beginning with a three-game series against nationally ranked Cal State Northridge. UCSB knows that if it is to make an appearance in the NCAA Regionals, or break into the top 25, it must make its mark in conference play.

"We're excited to get into conference play," junior designated hitter Jed Stringham said. "We're going for the sweep [against Northridge], at least we want to win two out of three. We feel like we have a chance to do some good things this weekend."